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REMARKS

The Office Action considers the present invention as six Groups I – VI and requires the election.

Applicant preliminarily elects Group I for examination.

Applicant also respectfully requests to consider the other Groups II – VI as the same invention.

Discussions of Elections

Applicant provides the reasons to consider the Groups II – VI with the Group I as the same invention as follows.

1. With respect to Group I, the present invention particularly proposes the arrangement of the banks, which have the specific relation with the sense amplifier. As a result, the double-end sensing can be well performed. In other words, the present invention is a latch-type sensing.

2. With respect to Groups III, IV, and V, these three groups are several embodiments for implementing the bank arrangement as defined in Group I. Therefore, Groups III, IV, and V should be considered together with Group I as the same invention.

3. With respect to Group II, in further considering the latch-type sensing, the reference elements are added into the arrangement of array bank to make the invention be more complete. In this manner, Group II should fall within the same invention.

4. With respect to Group VI, claims 15- 17 have defined the ROM. However, Group VI is

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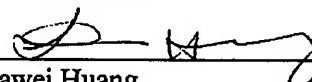
a specific layout with respect to Group I. In this consideration, Group VI should also be considered together as the same invention.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant preliminarily elects Group I for examination and requests consideration on the other Groups II-VU together.

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